

**REMARKS**

Claim 1 has been amended substantially as suggested by the Office, thus overcoming the objection to claim 1.

Enclosed herewith is a terminal disclaimer as requested with respect to U.S. patent 6,617,127, as well as with respect to its divisional application U.S. Serial No. 10/624,640. These patents have now been assigned to the assignee herein. This assignment was submitted for recordation by fax on 24 August 2005.

It is believed that the amendment to claim 1 and the terminal disclaimer obviate all outstanding bases for rejection, and applicants therefore request that claims 1 and 4-11 be passed to issue.

Should any minor outstanding issues remain that could be resolved by phone, a telephone call to the undersigned is respectfully requested.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket No. 246152014500.

Respectfully submitted,

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